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TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission
Mendon Town Hall
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2014

Attending: D. Tinio, P. Coffin, T. Aicardi, W. Aten, M. Ammendolia; Kathryn Hackenson, Bob Choquette, Darlene Pellerise, Residents along Lake Nipmuc; Jonathan Dufromont, Eagle Scouts; Kathy & Cosmo Chinappi, Robert Lamothe, 3 Old Taft Ave; Fred Lapham, Shea Engineering.

Chairman D. Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Members discussed an Eagle Scout project with Jonathan Dufromont. The project consists of the creation of trails and the construction of a 16 foot long horse bridge over Wigwam Brook in Meadow Brook Woods. The bridge will be constructed with pressure treated wood. All work will be hand dug. **All members were in agreement for the approval of a Jurisdictional Project Determination for this project, with a negative determination for impact to the wetlands.**

Members reviewed seven Requests for Jurisdictional Project Determination:

- The first request was for 221 Providence Street for an 8x23 roof overhang with hand dug footings. The work was determined to have no impact on wetlands. **All members were in agreement for the approval of the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 221 Providence Street.**
- The second request was for 20 Blackstone Street for the reconstruction of a 12x36 deck. The work was determined to have no impact on wetlands. **All members were in agreement for the approval of the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 20 Blackstone Street.**
- The third request was for 32 Butler Road for an addition to the kitchen and an extension of the deck. The work was determined to have no impact on wetlands. **All members were in agreement for the approval of the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 32 Butler Road.**
- The fourth request was for 42 Northbridge Road for a 24x22 garage extension. The work was determined to have no impact on wetlands. **All members were in agreement for the approval of the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 42 Northbridge Road.**
- The fifth request was for 3 Ashkins Drive for a 37x37 addition and 14' screened in porch. The work was determined to have no impact on wetlands. **All members were in agreement for the approval of the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 3 Ashkins Drive.**
- The sixth request was for 42 Providence Street for a 20x12 shed on stone and blocks. The work was determined to have no impact on wetlands. **All members were in agreement for the approval of the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 42 Providence Street.**
- The seventh request was for 2 & 4 Strawberry Lane for single family homes. The work was determined to have no impact on wetlands. **All members were in agreement for the approval of the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 2 & 4 Strawberry Lane.**

Members reviewed an email from Joanna Anderson at Alavi – Braza P.C. Attorneys & Counselors at Law dated October 14, 2014 requesting a letter from the Commissioners stating that the Order of Conditions on 18 Dudley Road (Lot 21) is fully released through the Certificate of Compliance that was previously issued. Members reviewed the DEP file #218-0296 and saw the confusion with the Certificate of Compliance because “2, 4-18, 20 Dudley Road” is listed under both “Street Address” and “Parcel/Lot Number.” Therefore, 18 Dudley Road is cleared in the “Street Address” field, but as Lot 21, it is not listed in the “Parcel/Lot Number” field. **M. Ammendolia made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to send Alavi – Braza the requested letter, clarifying that this lot was indeed cleared through this Certificate of Compliance. The motion carried unanimously.**

Members discussed the status of the trail rehab project at Inman Hill. M. Ammendolia visited the site and walked the trails with Becky Kalagher of the Bay State Trail Riders Association. He observed some low spots that they would like to fill in with gravel for the safety of visitors. There are two spots that could potentially need culverts installed. M. Ammendolia gave the Commission's approval of their preliminary plans. **All members were in agreement.**

Members scheduled the following future meeting dates: November 13, December 4 & 18.

Chairman D. Tinio opened the hearing for the Notice of Intent for a replacement septic system, well, water service, and patio at 3 Old Taft Ave at 7:45 PM. A tight tank and line for it will be within the buffer zone. The well is an upgrade from a previously shared service and will be outside of the buffer zone. Erosion control will be used. Chairman D. Tinio requested that the erosion control be extended along the property line with Parcel 67 in case of any flow in that direction. Robert Lamoth of 6 Old Taft Ave was concerned about the yacht club's land being disturbed. Fred Lapham assured him that it will not be. Chairman D. Tinio also requested that a silt bag be included around the drilling, even when it is out of the buffer zone, to contain the water and minimize disturbance for neighbors. Cosmo Chinappi of 1 Old Taft Ave asked if the proposed patio was going to extend closer to the water than they were told that their deck could years ago. The proposed patio is 10x20 and the Commissioners were willing to let this pass since it is such a tight lot without many options. Kathy Chinappi of 1 Old Taft Ave asked if the old septic system would be removed. F. Lapham confirmed that it will be. Chairman D. Tinio requested that the Commission be notified when the setup for this work is in place so that they can inspect it. **Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and M. Ammendolia seconded a motion to approve the Notice of Intent for 3 Old Taft Ave as presented with the addition of the three previously mentioned conditions proposed by Chairman D. Tinio. The motion carried unanimously.**

Members discussed the feedback that was received from Lycott Environmental regarding Lake Nipmuc issues with concerned residents. Lycott provided the Conservation Commission with a report of their findings, along with proposed solutions, from their tour of the lake which they went on with residents. They proposed hand cleanup of the shoreline adjacent to 60 Uxbridge Road and a presentation during the winter regarding weed control treatments and options going forward. The proposed work at 60 Uxbridge Road will be discussed at a Notice of Intent hearing on October 30, 2014. They also clarified the expectations of the previous outlet project. The concerned residents were pleased with the results thus far. Bob Choquette had questions regarding what is treated, which should be answered at the upcoming presentation.

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and M. Ammendolia seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated September 24, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners reviewed pictures that were submitted for the Algonquin gas pipeline project to show the conditions of the site before the project begins, per Special Condition #4 on the Order of Conditions issued to DEP file #218-0724.

The Commissioners reviewed their budget for FY16. M. Ammendolia thought that a 2.5% increase was needed for each account in order to maintain level service to the town. The Meetings & Dues account will need to be increased by 3% to account for the potential increase in dues for the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC), per their email dated October 7, 2014. **All members were in agreement with these increases.**

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and M. Ammendolia seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Cameron, Administrative Clerk

Documents Discussed located in the Conservation Commission Office:

Meeting minutes of September 24, 2014

Jurisdictional Project Determinations for: Wigwam Brook in Meadow Brook Woods, 221 Providence St, 20 Blackstone St, 32 Butler Rd, 42 Northbridge Rd, 3 Ashkins Dr, 42 Providence St, 2 & 4 Strawberry Ln

Notice of Intent & Order of Conditions for: 3 Old Taft Ave

Lycott Environmental October 8, 2014 letter re: Lake Nipmuc - Lake Management Program Update

Email from & letter to Alavi-Braza regarding 18 Dudley Rd (Lot 21), Order of Conditions, & Certificate of Compliance

Algonquin gas pipeline "before" pictures

FY16 Initial Budget Scenario